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An Extraordinary Crime. From the New York World, June 3.

"Erick P. Peterson, of Finland, janitor of No. 11 Cliff street, occupied by Phelps, Dodge & Co., and Abraham Nelson, of Newark, N. J. book-keeper, were arrested about 10 o'clock Saturday night coming from the above premises with \$11.30 worth of umbrellas, blotting paper and envelopes on their persons. They pleaded not guilty, and were held to answer yesterday morning."

The above seemingly unimportant item comes

in the ordinary current of news from police headquarters. But there was more than appeared under those umbrellas. From a perfectly reliable source the following amplification of the story was received yesterday:

For some time past Messrs. Phelps, Dodge & Co., one of the oldest metal firms in this country, have observed with much surprise that what should have been the secrets of their business were known by a portion of the trade. About ten days since they sought the aid of ex-Judge Fullerton. He and a corps of detectives have been investigating the mystery ever since. They found no substantial clae to it until they made the above-mentioned arrests on Saturday. Mr. Abraham Nelson is a merchant in the same line as Phelps, Dodge & Co., and in pretty good standing. He does business at 295 Pearl street, and resides at Mount Pleasant avenue, Newark, N. J. At the time of his arrest he tried to destroy some papers belonging to the firm which he had in his possession, but was prevented. When brought before Judge Dowling he made a full confession. He said, as we are informed, that he had obtained an insight into the affairs of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., in order to aid him in carrying on his own business. He had begun operations by inquiring of the janitor as to what he did with the envelopes received by the firm, some 175 in number. The janitor told him that he looked through them to see that no important document remained in any of them, and destroyed them. Said the

tempter then: "If you will save any of them for me that have the name of the firm from which they came printed on the corner, I will pay you for them." This apparently almost harmless proposition was acceeded to. But it was only the entering wedge. The first doubtful step taken, the janitor was gradually induced to aid Mr. Nelson in any plan that oc-curred to him, by which he might undermine the business of the venerable firm. By means of the envelopes Nelson soon obtained a list of the correspondents. Having the janitor well in hand, he next sought, with success to win the stock and contract clerks as confederates. By the help of all these inside traitors he was enabled to get into communication with the patrons of Phelps, Dodge & Co. He would write to them, offering metal a little under the prices which he knew the old firm were selling them, and thus obtained their custom. Again, knowing where they bought, and the size and

In his frequent night raids upon the office, by the help of the janitor and his other confederates, he even went so far as to get duplicate keys, by wax impressions, for various important locks. In a word, he had the run of the whole establishment, and knew as much about the affairs of the firm as most of the partners.

character of their contracts, he was enabled

often to turn the information to his own benefit

and their injury.

The story of the umbrella theft is this: When Mr. Nelson was searched in the police office a fine silk umbrella, belonging to some one in the Phelps establishment, was found thrust down into his pantaloons, which statement, if true, would plainly indicate the natural proclivities of the man-the popular verdiet being that any one who would appropriate an umbrella that did not belong to him was equal to any atrocity.

Mr. Nelson was held in \$5,000 bail to answer.

It is thought by the Phelps firm that Nelson was either the tool or the confidant of other merchants. They supposed that having obtained considerable knowledge of their affairs he went to other merchants and tempted them | Sulphuric Acid, Potash and Soda, forming the into collusion by offers of valuable information.

NAVIGATOR ISLANDS .- From a letter in one of the papers from the Navigator Islands we gather some further information concerning our new possessions. Life there is said to be very primitive. The natives have passed the last ten years in fighting among themselves, and the few Europeans at Port Apia, it would appear from this letter, do pretty much nothing but dance Scotch reels and Highland flings, and Virginia, after THIRTEEN YEARS' EXPERIENCE WITH which may be a very pleasant occupation, but is a species of exertion that will hardly add much to the productive industry of the island. The natives, about two years ago, gave up fighting each other from sheer exhaustion, and while they were preparing to renew the contest other Fertilizer sold. Uniformity of quality the United States has slyly stolen in, like the guaranteed by manufacturers. fox in the fable, and has taken possession of the cause of dispute. The production of the islands are guano and bread fruit. The opportunities, for the study of antomy are said to be very fine. The customs of the people are not at present as civilized as they may in time become. It is, we are sorry to say, the custom of our new fellow-citizens to give no quarter in battle, but when an enemy is taken his head is incontinently struck off, and there is-without any puu-an end of him. The King seated on his mat, receives all such trophies with great joy, and it is calculated to impress one with a singular feeling to see a cannoe paddled across some peaceful bay with a number of heads stuck on it, or to see these American citizens, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, passing along the beach carrying knives about eighteen inches long, bloody from some recently slain fellow-native.

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These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by the early habits of youth, viz: Weakness of the Back and Limbs, Pains in the Head, Dimness of Sight, Loss of muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Nervous Irritability, Derangement of the Digestive Functions, General Debility, Symtoms of Consump-

tion, &c.

MENTALLY.—T e fearful effects on the mind are much to be dreaded. Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion to Society, Self Distrust, Love of Solitude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils

produced. Thousands of persons of all ages can now judge what is the cause of their declining health, losing their vigor, becoming weak, pale, nervous and emaciated, having a singular appearance about the eyes, cough and symptoms of Consumption. YOUNG MEN

Who have injured themselves by a certain practice, already described, a habit frequently learned from evil companions or at school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and f not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.

What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the pride of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyment of life by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature, and indulging in pernicious habits. Such persons must, before comtemplating

ing. MARRIAGE Reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage, the prospect hourly darkens to the view, the mind becomes shadowed with despair, and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of

another is blighted with our own. DISEASES OF IMPRUDENCE. When the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds that he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill-timed sense of shame or dread of discovery deters him from applying to those who, from edu-cation and respectability, can alone befriend him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this herrid disease makes their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head, face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose tall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commisseration till death puts a period to his dreadful suffering, by

sending him to that undiscovered country "from whence no traveller returns." It is a melancholy fact that thousands DIE It is a melancholy fact that thousands DIE victims to this terrible disease, through falling into the hands of ignorant or unskilful PRE-TENDERS, who, by the use of that deadly Poison, Mercury, &c., destroy the constitution, and incapable of curing, keep the unhappy sufferer menth after month taking their noxious or injurious compounds, and instead of being re-stored to a renewal of Life, Vigor and Happiness in despair leaves him with roined Health to sigh

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